

I. AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for ligation of a fallopian tube of a patient, comprising:
using an endoscope to orally access a gastric wall of a patient;
puncturing the gastric wall to provide access to a peritoneal cavity;
advancing the endoscope into the peritoneal cavity through the puncture;
locating the fallopian tube;
ligating the fallopian tube using a first loop configured to block a patency of the fallopian tube; and
removing the endoscope.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sealing the puncture.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, where the patient is human.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, where puncturing the gastric wall comprises puncturing with a cutter coupled to a dilating balloon, the balloon being inflated to provide access to the peritoneal cavity.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, where puncturing the gastric wall comprises puncturing with a needle knife electrocautery followed by balloon dilatation with a dilating balloon.
6. (Currently Amended) A method of preventing pregnancy comprising peroral transgastric endoscopic ligation of a fallopian tube of a patient, wherein the fallopian tube is ligated using a first loop configured to block a patency of the fallopian tube.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, where the patient is human.

8. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for peroral transgastric endoscopic ligation of a fallopian tube of a patient, comprising:

- an endoscope configured to orally access a gastric wall;
- a cutter coupled to the endoscope and configured to puncture the gastric wall;
- a dilating balloon coupled to the cutter and configured to provide access from the puncture into a peritoneal cavity upon inflation;
- endoscopic forceps coupled to the endoscope and configured to grasp the fallopian tube;
- and
- a first loop coupled to the endoscope and configured to block a patency of the fallopian tube.

9. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising a second loop coupled to the endoscope and configured to block a patency of the fallopian tube.

10. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for peroral transgastric endoscopic ligation of a fallopian tube, comprising:

- an endoscope configured to orally access a gastric wall;
- a needle knife electrocautery coupled to the endoscope and configured to puncture the gastric wall;
- a dilating balloon coupled to the needle knife and configured to expand the puncture to provide access into a peritoneal cavity;
- endoscopic forceps coupled to the endoscope and configured to grasp the fallopian tube;
- and
- a first loop coupled to the endoscope and configured to block a patency of the fallopian tube.

11. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a second loop coupled to the endoscope and configured to block a patency of the fallopian tube.

12. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the first loop is a silicone band.

13. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the first loop is coupled to the endoscope.
14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein a second loop configured to block a patency of the fallopian tube is coupled to the endoscope.